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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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Examiner: M.T. Brannock

APPLICATION NO: 09/955,381

FILED: SEPTEMBER 18, 2001

FOR: USE OF GABAB RECEPTOR LIGANDS FOR THE
TREATMENT OF NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASES

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 30, 2004, having having a period for response set to expire April 30, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the following amendment be entered and the claims considered in light thereof. Applicants also herein request a three month extension for this response as allowed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). The Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation for the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.